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Thank you for hearing this bill on Tuesday, February 15.

The law is silent now on charging fees for ALL fire and emergency services.

Please look at the title.

A act prohibiting a <u>county</u>, <u>consolidated city-county</u>, <u>or municipality</u> from imposing fees for certain emergency services provided in response to a motor vehicle accident

The Fire districts and Fire service areas are exempt from this proposed prohibition.

I commend all the fine individuals that came for the hearing who are volunteers in our rural areas. They are NOT affected by this prohibition.

The current practices in our rural areas are still allowed.

This only prohibits fees that counties, cities or municipalities can charge for recouping costs of services for vehicle accidents. Cost of hazardous cleanup and ambulance services are exempt. Fire and enforcement are already levied with taxes.

The tax base of these entities is broader to put more revenue into their budgets if more safety is need.

Plus the due process of hearings and protest can occur.

Thank you for a positive consideration

